

2013 Annual Report



Fresno Fire Department



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Mission: To protect and put service above all else.

Vision: Fresno Fire: Recognized as a standard of excellence in the fire service.

Core Values: Teamwork, Trust, Commitment.

City Of Fresno

Population:	501,362
Land Area:	112 sq miles
Housing Units:	171,288
Households:	156,724
Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures:	33.4%

*Source: US Census Bureau

Fire Chief Kerri L. Donis

It is with great pride and honor to present this annual report of the Fresno Fire Department, which outlines some of the excellent public safety services provided to the fifth largest city in the state of California. It is my heartfelt belief that I lead a department of highly-skilled members truly dedicated to the service of our community. Our members include firefighters on the front line, with boots on the ground and a fearless devotion to maintaining the safety of their community. This "frontline" is supported by fire mechanics who dedicate their best everyday to ensure our large fleet of fire apparatus is on the road. Behind the scenes, our inspectors and investigators contribute their knowledge and tenacity to ensure a safe community. A more committed, hardworking administrative support staff could not be found elsewhere – they are the best!

Without a doubt, financial challenges lie ahead and will be met with this department's resolve to continue providing exceptional service to our community in 2014.



Firefighters ventilate a 2-story apartment fire.

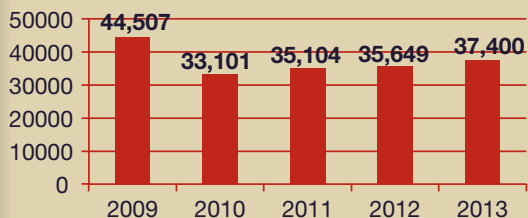
Your Fire Department "A Tradition of Service"

Established in 1877, the Fresno Fire Department is one of the oldest fire departments in our nation. Today, with 318 uniformed men and women, we serve over a half million residents spread out over 112 square miles. Our compliment of resources and skills allows us to provide fire prevention, suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, and an assortment of community outreach services.

The Fresno Fire Department provides emergency response from a total of 24 fire stations located throughout the city of Fresno, our contract areas, and Fresno Yosemite International Airport. Each station is staffed with a 3-4 person engine or truck company and divided geographically into three battalions, each managed by a fire battalion chief. Additionally, 28 civilians provide vital support functions from headquarters and other locations.



Total Incidents



A firefighter resuscitates a cat that was rescued from an apartment fire.

Budget

General Fund.....	\$43,730,900
Grants.....	1,881,500
Licenses & Permits.....	360,000
Charges for Service.....	3,815,100
Contract Fees.....	6,881,800
Total Budget:.....	\$56.7 million

Units

Engine Companies	19
Truck Companies	5
Water Tenders	4
Brush Rigs	2
Patrols	2
HazMat Units	2
US&R Heavy Rescue.....	1
Rescue Boats	2
Airport Rescue Vehicle	2

Personnel

Sworn Safety	303
Sworn Non-Safety	15
Civilian	28
Total	346

Incidents

Medical Aids.....	20,740
Total Fires	2,847
Structure Fires	961
Vegetation Fires.....	449
Vehicle Fires	406
False Alarms.....	2,971
Service Calls.....	1,295
Good Intent Calls	8,495
All other incidents.....	1,052
Total Incidents.....	37,400

Fire Loss

All Fires	\$19M
From Arson.....	\$2M
# of Displaced People from Fires	610

Fatalities

From Structure Fires.....	2
From CO Poisoning.....	2
From Vehicle Fires	3
Firefighter Fatalities	0

Injuries

Civilian Injuries.....	55
Firefighter Injuries.....	92

Fire Investigations

Total Investigations.....	380
Incendiary Fires	192
Arrests	61
Fire Prevention	
5Yr. Fire Sprinkler Tests.....	414
Plan Reviews	1,884
Fire Inspections	12,131
New Sprinkler Inspections....	3,735
Weed Abatement (NCFPD/FGFPD)..	79

Fire Shop

Repair Requests.....	3,041
Completed Repairs	2,780



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the firefighters who responded to a fire at my residence on January 23, 2013. The comforting nature which they showed while speaking to myself and my children during this crisis was more than imaginable. They all showed so much compassion and genuine kindness and made every effort to make sure that we were taken care of and put so much effort into trying to save our pet. Those men and women are a credit to their profession and I truly thank them all for the job that they did.

Sincerely,
Jill Smith-Peet



Firefighters “sound” a roof
as they make their way to ventilate.

Fire Stations

Station	Address	Council District
ARFF (Airport)	5065 E. Anderson	4
Station 1	1264 N. Jackson	4
Station 2	7114 N. West	2
Station 3	1406 Fresno St.	3
Station 4	3065 E. Iowa	7
Station 5	3131 N. Simpson	7
Station 6	4343 E. Gettysburg	4
Station 7	2571 S. Cherry	3
Station 8	1428 S. Cedar	5
Station 9	2340 N. Vagedes	1
Station 10	5545 Aircorp Way	4
Station 11	5544 N. Fresno	4
Station 12	2874 N. Acacia	1
Station 13	815 E. Nees	6
Station 14	6239 N. Polk	2
Station 15	5630 E. Park Circle	5
Station 16	2510 N. Polk	3
Station 17	10512 N. Maple	6
Station 18	5938 N. LaVentana	2
Station 19	3175 W. Belmont	3
Station 20	4537 N. Wishon (FGFPD)*	
Station 21	15850 W. Kearney (NCFPD)*	
Station 22	806 S. Garfield (NCFPD)*	
Station 23	4555 N. Biola (NCFPD)*	

FGFPD=Fig Garden Fire Protection District
NCFPD=North Central Fire Protection District

Response Times

1st company arrival within 4 minutes	
Medical Aids.....	67%*
Fires.....	84%*
Effective residential firefighting force within 8 minutes.....	
(15 Firefighters on scene)	
Effective commercial firefighting force within 8 minutes.....	
(21 Firefighters on scene)	

*National Standard is 90%

Company Responses

Engine Companies		Truck Companies	
Company	Responses	Company	Responses
E1	3,607	T4	3,345
E2	1,362	T10	1,550
E3	3,988	T11	3,124
E5	3,737	T19	2,410
E6	2,310	T21	356
E7	2,194	Battalion Chiefs	
E8	3,223	Unit	Responses
E9	3,320	BC1	931
E12	2,514	BC2	945
E13	2,386	BC3	618
E14	1,083	Water Tenders	
E15	1,782	Unit	Responses
E16	1,899	WT2	66
E17	821	WT3	95
E18	766	WT21	71
E20	1,982	WT23	59
E21	1,605	Special Operations	
E22	588	Unit	Responses
E23	436	HazMat1	83
		HazMat16	52
		Rescue 4	110
		Rescue 13	69
		AirRescue1	179
		AirRescue2	174



Community Outreach Programs



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergencies in their homes, workplaces, and communities. CERT training is designed to enhance personal safety and provide individuals with basic emergency response skills, particularly those that would be of value after a disaster. In 2013, CERT volunteers responded to 22 emergency call-outs; including four missing person searches, three major gas leaks and large commercial and residential fires. The volunteers also participated in 34 community service and public education events. In 2013, 330 CERT volunteers donated 3,009 hours of service and completed 2,699 hours of continuing education.



Partnering with the Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation, the Fresno Fire Department continues to donate and distribute bicycle/skate board helmets, free of charge, to any child who needs one. Since the program's inception in 2005, over 8,000 helmets have been distributed to local kids.

Smoke Alarm Program

Nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. In an effort to change this reality, the Fresno Fire Department, through grant funding, provides smoke alarms and batteries, free of charge, to anyone who needs one.



A firefighter gives a fire safety presentation to a kindergarten class



Central California Burn Aware, a non-profit organization, teaches fire safety to 1st-3rd graders through an educational program delivered through school assemblies. In 2013, two program coordinators delivered 157 assemblies to over 31,060 school children.



"Firefighter Community Outreach" is a program developed this year which encourages our firefighters to seek creative and thoughtful ways to engage our community. Throughout the year we've seen our firefighters participate in school fire-drills and carnivals; attend farmer's markets, car shows, and block parties; host open-houses at their fire stations; deliver Christmas presents to families in their districts; conduct home fire-safety inspections; and deliver wedding cakes. Our hope is that intentional frequent interaction with the public, beyond emergency incidents, will build positive relationships and promote safer communities.



Firefighters making it "rain" during Gibson Elementary water day.







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